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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NEW YEMENI REGIME

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1. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, DEPARTMENT HAS IN RECENT YEARS DE-EMPHASIZED QUESTION OF RECOGNITION IN CASES OF EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION OF APPROVAL OF A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR MEANS BY WHICH IT CAME TO POWER. ALTHOUGH RECOGNITION, AS A LEGAL MATTER, HAS NEVER IMPLIED APPROVAL, THIS HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE POLITICALLY. WE HAVE THEREFORE, IN RECENT YEARS, STRESSED INSTEAD THE QUESTION OF MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. WHILE IT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR US TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS IN FOREGOING MANNER WHERE WE CAN IDENTIFY IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS OF "CONTINUITY" FROM THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE TAKEN THIS APPROACH EVEN, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE CASE OF AFGHANISTAN, WHERE THERE WAS ESSENTIALLY NO CONTINUITY. THUS, WHILE NORTH YEMEN CASE INVOLVES HIGH DEGREE OF CONTINUITY, WE DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE RELYING HEAVILY ON THAT FACTOR IN DETERMINING OUR POSTURE TOWARD NEW GOVERNMENT. OUR MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS NOT, OF COURSE, INTENDED TO CARRY ANY IMPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO APPROVAL (OR DISAPPROVAL) OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, ITS POLICIES OR IDEOLOGY, OR THE MEANS BY WHICH IT CAME TO POWER.

3. FOR SANAA: AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 5 REF A, THAT RECOGNITION HAS NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED, AND THAT AMBASSADOR SHOULD CALL ON AMDI, AS SUGGESTED, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE QUEUE. IN DOING SO, SUGGEST YOU NOTE OUR PLEASURE AT COMMAND COUNCIL STATEMENTS REGARDING RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS AND EVENTUAL RETURN TO CIVILIAN CONTROL.

4. QUESTION OF US RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN YAR HAS NOT BEEN RAISED AND WE DO NOT PLAN TO VOLUNTEER ANY STATEMENT. IF IT IS RAISED, FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE FOR DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN.

QUESTION: HAS THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED THE NEW
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GOVERNMENT IN NORTH YEMEN?

ANSWER: WE ARE CONTINUING OUR NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH YEMEN.

QUESTION: DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE NEW GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: AS I HAVE INDICATED, WE ARE MAINTAINING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF YAR. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ISSUE OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE. WE ARE SIMPLY CONTINUING OUR NORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YARG.

5. FOR LONDON: WE HAVE HAD SAME QUERY AS REF B FROM BRITISH EMBASSY. WE HAVE REPLIED THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT QUESTION OF RECOGNITION ARISES, AND THAT IF ASKED WE PLAN TO SAY THAT WE ARE CONTINUING OUR NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH YAR. WE HAVE TOLD BRITISH THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZING OUR AMBASSADOR AT SANAA TO CALL ON HAMDI ALONG WITH OTHER AMBASSADORS AND INFORM HIM THAT IN OUR VIEW US RECOGNITION OF YAR HAS NOT BEEN INTERRUPTED.

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